



# PORTLAND VA MEDICAL CENTER

Portland, Oregon Division  
Vancouver, Washington Division  
Community Based Outpatient Clinics  
Salem, OR Bend, OR  
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## NOTICE OF VACANCY

1. <u>Announcement Number</u>  T-05 -123 -JC	2. <u>Title, Series, Grade, Salary</u>  Physical Science Technician GS-1311-10 target 11 \$47,434 to \$68,180 per annum	3. <u>Tour of Duty</u>  T-W 8am -4:30pm; Th 10am- 6:30pm M-TH	4. <u>Duty Station</u>  Research Service, Portland, OR Division
5. <u>Type &amp; Number of Vacancies</u>  Temporary, NTE 1 year 1 Part-time position(s)	6. <u>Contact</u>  Tonya Griffin 503-220-8262 x 57527	7. <u>Opening Date</u>  4/7/05	8. <u>Closing Date</u>  Open Until Filled

### WHO MAY APPLY TO THIS ANNOUNCEMENT:

- Any US Citizen

### MAJOR DUTIES:

Incumbent will administer, score, and interpret intelligence, aptitude, achievement, and other psychological tests to provide test information to research staff. Give paper and pencil tests or utilizes testing equipment, under standard conditions. Times test and records results, interprets test results in light of standard norms, and limitations of test in terms of validity and reliability. The incumbent will maintain data in database for future analysis, evaluate measurements obtained with modified equipment to determine if redesign is necessary to compensate for equipment limitations or unexpected characteristics; and record test data and report results in test report. Incumbent is required to have comprehensive, practical knowledge of, and extensive experience and skill in applying, analytical methods, field and laboratory procedures, and theoretical concepts, principles, and practices of physical science and related disciplines. These practices may include the operation, maintenance, and repair of instrument and equipment in the field and laboratory.

### QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

**Eligibility:** U.S. Office of Personnel Management Qualification Standards Handbook for GS-1311 series apply and may be reviewed in the Human Resources Management Service office. Regulatory requirements such as "time-in-grade" and "time after competitive appointment" are applicable.

**Specialized Experience:** One (1) year experience that equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills and abilities (KSA's) to perform successfully the duties of the position, and that is typically in or related to the work of the position to be filled. Examples of qualifying specialized experience include work in the fields of astronomy, physics, geophysics, chemistry, hydrology, health physics, engineering, electronics, geology, oceanography, and metallurgy. To be creditable, specialized experience must have been equivalent to at least the next level.

**Substitution of Education for Experience :** Two full year of graduate education meets the requirements for GS-9 in those instances where it is directly related to the work of the position. Examples of educational courses directly related to the work of the position include: physical science, engineering, or any branch of mathematics, except financial and commercial mathematics. If using education as a substitute for experience, please submit a copy of your college transcripts with application packet.

### BASIS OF RATING: (Knowledge, Skills, Abilities (KSAs))

**On a separate sheet of paper, provide a written, detailed response to each of the KSAs. Failure to respond to rating factors will result in applicant not being referred for the position:**

1. Describe and rate your knowledge, skills and abilities in the administration of psychological and neuropsychological tests, or other types of tests you have administered.
2. Describe and rate your knowledge, skills, and abilities in the use of computer software, including electronic databases.
3. Describe and rate your knowledge of and experience with human studies research implementation procedures.
4. Describe and rate your skills and abilities in scheduling patient appointments, greeting patients, and making them feel comfortable and confident in your abilities

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## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT INFORMATION SHEET

### **CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:**

Although the duty station is shown in this announcement, it may be necessary to utilize the selected person's services at a different location within the Portland VA Medical Center commuting area if conditions require it in the future

Under Executive Order 11935, only United States citizens and nationals (residents of American Samoa and Swains Island) may compete for civil service jobs. Agencies are permitted to hire noncitizens only in very limited circumstances where there are no qualified citizens available for the position.

A background security investigation will be required for all new hires. Appointment will be subject to the applicant's successful completion of a background security investigation and favorable adjudication. Failure to successfully meet these requirements will be grounds for termination.

This is a developmental position. If selected below the target level, employee may be promoted without further competition upon satisfactory completion of qualification and eligibility requirements.

This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis

All qualified applicants will receive equal consideration without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, politics, marital status, non-disqualifying physical or mental handicap, age or membership or non-membership in a labor organization.

It is the policy of the Department of Veterans Affairs that all Federal wage and salary payments are paid to employees by Direct Deposit/Electronic Funds Transfer (DD/EFT).

### **HOW TO APPLY:**

**US Citizens** may apply by submitting the following forms/documents to the Portland VA Medical Center, P4HRMS, PO Box 1034, Portland, OR 97207, or brought in person to Human Resources, Bldg 100 Rm 6C12, Portland VA Medical Center, 3710 US Veterans Hospital Road, Portland, OR 97239. Forms are available in the Human Resources Office or on our website, [www.va.gov/portland/hr](http://www.va.gov/portland/hr).

1. [OF 612 \(Optional Application for Federal Employment\)](#), or Resume. (Please refer to [OF-510 \(Applying for a Federal Job\)](#) on the USA jobs website (<http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/>) for information on how to apply with a resume instead of OF-612.
2. [OF-306, \(Declaration for Federal Employment\)](#) (January 2001 version or later).
3. Narrative statement relating to all of the KSAs. Candidates **must** submit a narrative statement on a separate page(s) with specific responses to all of the knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs) in this announcement. Failure to submit your narrative response to all of the KSAs will result in the applicant not being referred for the position.
4. Veterans Preference:
  - a. DD-214, Military Discharge Paper (member copy #4 for July 1979 or later editions) (FOR 5 POINT Veteran's Preference).
  - b. [SF-15, \(Application for 10-point Veteran Preference\)](#)
  - c. VA letter of service-connected disability rating dated within the last 12 months.
5. SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action (if applying as a current or former federal employee).
6. A copy of your college transcripts (Optional unless education is required).

### **APPLICANT'S PLEASE NOTE:**

- Education must be accredited by an accrediting institution recognized by the U.S. Department of Education in order for it to be credited towards qualifications (particularly positions with a positive education requirement.). Therefore, applicants must report only attendance and/or degrees from schools accredited by accrediting institutions recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Applicants can verify accreditation at the following website: <http://www.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/index.html>. All education claimed by applicants will be verified by the appointing agency accordingly.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY:**

- It is the applicant's responsibility to submit documentation to support his/her application for this position. Applicant is responsible for ensuring that all experience, formal training, award recognition, etc. are documented in the application package. Experience may include voluntary or other non-paid experience in the appropriate field. If you feel that your training record contains information pertinent to your qualifications, then you must submit a printed copy of your training record with your application package. Your training record will become part of the specific vacancy file and will not be filed in Official Personnel Folder. Human Resources Management Division will not photocopy any application material; applicants are responsible for making photocopies prior to submitting applications.
- **It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure timely receipt of the application, regardless of the method used for submission. The VA assumes no responsibility for the late delivery of applications (i.e. postal service delays). The Portland VA Medical Center will not accept FAX, or emailed applications or applications in a US government envelope.**